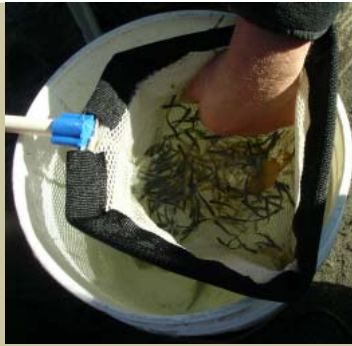


# Accomplishments Report 2005



Office of the Interagency Committee (OIAC)

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- Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
- Salmon Recovery Funding Board
- Washington Biodiversity Council
- Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health



## Investing in Washington's Great Outdoors



# Agency Profile

## Our Roles

In 2005, the Office of the Interagency Committee supported the following four boards:

### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

The Committee manages nine grant programs, including the largest park grant program in the state. In its 41-year history, the Committee has awarded nearly \$785 million for 4,000 grants. Grant recipients have contributed another \$528 million to bring the total investment to more than \$1.3 billion, ensuring Washington remains a great place to live and work.

The Committee awards grants for, parks, athletic fields, boating facilities, habitat protection, firearm and archery ranges, trails, and waterfront areas.

### Salmon Recovery Funding Board

To help recover salmon and bull trout from extinction, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board has awarded more than \$157 million for more than 630 grants since 2000. Grant recipients have contributed another \$85 million.

The Board awards grants for habitat restoration and protection projects, project designs, assessments, and fish passage barrier removals.

The Board also awards funding for projects of statewide interest, such as tracking the number of young salmon migrating to the ocean.

### Washington Biodiversity Council

Formed in 2004 by governor's executive order, the Council is charged with developing a plan and promoting more effective ways of conserving Washington's diversity of plants, animals, and ecosystems.

### Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health

The Governor's Forum is tasked with providing a multi-agency venue for coordinating technical and policy issues related to monitoring salmon recovery and watershed health.



## 2005 Accomplishments

### Agency Goal: Protect, Restore, and Enhance Habitats that Benefit People and Wildlife

Washington is a state with a diversity of wildlife and natural lands. To ensure it remains that way, the OIAC's Boards award grants to protect and improve Washington's natural resources.

#### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

Using three grants programs — the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund — the Committee and its grant recipients were able to help protect many habitat areas and rare or endangered wildlife species. Grants awarded in other programs often have elements that improve Washington's environment but were not included here.

Number of habitat areas to be protected .....	29
Amount of grants .....	\$29 million
Amount of grants unfunded .....	\$17 million
Grantee matching contributions .....	\$9 million

#### Highlights

IAC grants will help protect:

- The largest, high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. (In Clark County)
- The largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. (In Thurston County)
- One of only 11 populations of golden paintbrush remaining in the world. (In Island County)



- One of the largest populations of the basalt daisy, a globally imperiled plant. (In Yakima County)
- Habitat for one of three small populations remaining in Washington of sharp-tailed grouse, which is on the state's list of species threatened with extinction. (In Douglas County)
- Habitat for the most viable of six known Washington populations of the Oregon spotted frog, a state endangered species. (In Klickitat County)
- One of the two largest populations of the globally imperiled pale blue-eyed grass and the largest population of the rare Pulsifers monkey-flower known to occur in the state. (In Klickitat County)
- Habitat for steelhead and bull trout, which are listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction. (In Yakima County)

### Salmon Recovery Funding Board

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board awarded \$26.6 million in grants for 104 projects in 28 counties. The awards were made in early 2006 and details will be included in a future report.

In addition to offering habitat restoration and protection grants, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board financially supports other statewide initiatives to protect and restore salmon and salmon habitat.

### Highlights

#### GRANTS FOR PROJECTS

- Small Grants: The Board provided more than \$1 million, matching equal funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, for a small grants program that funded 63 grants in 17 areas statewide, engaging 140 organizations and generating \$3.15 million in matching funds.
- Removing Barriers to Fish Migration: The Board provided \$1.7 million for the Family Forest Fish Passage Program to replace culverts and other barriers to fish migration at 38 sites in small, family-owned forests.

#### FUNDING FOR TRACKING PROGRESS

- Salmon Marking and the 1999 Forest and Fish Agreement: The Board provided \$7.8 million in federal pass-through funds to two state agencies and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission to continue a variety of work that tracks the success of salmon recovery work. Examples of the work include tagging juvenile salmon to distinguish hatchery-raised salmon from wild salmon, issuing permits to protect water quality, and measuring the effectiveness of regulations on forest practices.

### Rare Plants and Animals Protected

Grants will help protect these animals and plants at risk of extinction:

Globally Imperiled  
Basalt daisy  
Golden paintbrush  
Pale blue-eyed grass

Federal List  
(Endangered and Threatened Listings)

Bald eagle  
Bull trout  
Marbled murrelet  
Lower Columbia steelhead  
Upper Columbia steelhead  
Spring Chinook salmon

State List  
(Endangered, Threatened, and Imperiled Listings)

Oregon spotted frog  
Pulsifers monkey-flower  
Sandhill cranes  
Sharp-tailed grouse

## 2005 Recipients of Grants to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Habitats that Benefit People and Wildlife

Bainbridge Island Park District  
Camas

Clark County

Department of Fish & Wildlife

Grants were for projects:

- Near Belfair
- In central Douglas County
- On Lummi Island
- Near Spokane
- Near Winthrop
- In Yakima County

Department of Natural Resources

Grants were for projects:

- Near Bremerton
- Near Camas
- On Cypress Island
- In Douglas County
- In King County
- In Kitsap County
- Near Ocean Shores
- Near Olympia
- Near Pateros
- In Poulsbo
- Near Raymond
- Near Shelton
- In Tacoma
- Near Trout Lake
- On Whidbey Island
- Near Yakima

- **Smolt Monitoring:** The Board provided \$200,000 to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to monitor juvenile salmon migration to the sea from three rivers as part of a larger, statewide monitoring effort.
- **Intensively Monitored Watersheds:** The Board provided \$1 million to monitor four small watersheds as a way to validate that restoration actions are effective in creating more salmon.
- **Monitoring Framework:** The Board provided the Department of Ecology with \$300,000 to develop a state monitoring framework that would provide guidelines for measuring salmon habitat.

### FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PLANNING

- The Board spent \$194,000 to again hire a review panel of nine experts to review salmon recovery strategies and the fit of project proposals to those strategies. The Board also provided \$2.2 million to six salmon recovery regions to complete their salmon recovery plans and begin implementation.

### Washington Biodiversity Council

The Washington Biodiversity Council developed its outline for a 30-year strategy for the conservation of Washington's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Council also completed two important research tasks: an inventory and analysis of conservation incentive programs in the state, and an assessment of the quality of biodiversity data available statewide. Results from these studies will contribute to the substance and the content of the strategy.

### Highlight

- The Council selected two pilot projects for funding, one based in north central Washington and one in Pierce County. Both will model programs for engaging people in understanding the importance of biodiversity and promote the use of incentives for conservation on private lands.

### Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health

The Forum provided information to the salmon recovery regions about where and how they should monitor projects. The most immediate need was to fill gaps in data so that information on salmon was being simultaneously and continuously collected for at least one major population within each Evolutionarily Significant Unit statewide.

### Highlight

- The Forum convened a workshop in April to explore how major regional indicators of salmon recovery could be improved in accuracy and scope. About 70 participants attended, including representatives from local, tribal, state, and federal agencies and non-government organizations.



## 2005 Accomplishments

### Agency Goal: Restore, Protect, and Develop Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

Washington is known for its outdoor places. Through several grant programs, OIAC provides funding to acquire, build, and restore recreation sites. This work meets two goals. It helps ensure Washingtonians have places to recreate, and provides opportunities for people to exercise and improve their health.

Number of grants awarded .....	252
Amount of grants .....	\$47 million
Amount of grants unfunded .....	\$23 million
Grantee matching contributions .....	\$58 million



### Creating and Improving Parks

#### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

The Committee is the largest funding source for local parks in Washington. Using grants from three programs — the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund — the Committee helped its partners create or improve parks statewide.

Number of grants awarded .....	37
Amount of grants .....	\$14 million
Amount of grants unfunded .....	\$7 million
Grantee matching contributions .....	\$25 million

#### Highlights

- Number of new parks to be created ..... 13
- Number of areas where new facilities will be developed ..... 12
- Number of parks to be improved ..... 12
- Grants were awarded to organizations in 35 of the state's 39 counties.



## Adding and Improving Facilities for Boaters

### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

Washington's waterways are a national and international treasure, serving as a source of beauty, transportation, and economy, among many other things. Ensuring that appropriate services are provided for boaters is essential to supporting the recreational and commercial boating industry of Washington.

Through four grant programs — the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, the Boating Facilities Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grants, and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program — the Committee helped grant recipients acquire, develop, and renovate boating facilities. In addition to enhancing the size or function of boating facilities, organizations often use these grants to replace older materials with materials that are safer for the environment.

Number of grants awarded .....	25
Amount of grants .....	\$9 million
Amount of grants unfunded .....	\$4 million
Grantee matching contributions .....	\$5 million

#### Highlights

- Number of new boat launch areas to be developed ..... 6
- Number of new moorage areas to be developed ..... 2
- Number of boat launches and moorage areas to be improved ..... 18

## Improving Firearm and Archery Ranges

### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

In Washington, an estimated 8 percent of the population shoots guns or bows for recreation. The Committee awarded grants to acquire, develop, and renovate facilities so that gun and bow users can train in a safe environment. These grants often make improvements to increase safety or reduce noise for range neighbors.

Number of grants awarded .....	4
Amount of grants .....	\$200,000
Amount of grants unfunded .....	0
Grantee matching contributions .....	\$258,000

#### Highlights

- Number of new facilities to be developed ..... 1
- Number of facilities to be improved ..... 3

## 2005 Recreation Grant Recipients

Anacortes  
 Backcountry Horsemen of Washington  
 Bainbridge Island Park District  
 Bellevue  
 Bellingham  
 Bremerton  
 Buckley  
 Burien  
 Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club  
 Chelan County  
 Chewelah  
 Clark County  
 Connell  
 Creston  
 Cusick  
 Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Department of Natural Resources  
 Des Moines  
 Federal Way  
 Franklin County  
 Gig Harbor  
 Grant County  
 Grays Harbor County  
 Jefferson County  
 KBH Archers  
 Kennewick  
 Kent  
 King County  
 Kitsap County  
 La Conner  
 Lacey  
 Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club  
 Lakewood  
 Langley  
 Mason County  
 Methow Valley Snowmobile Association  
 Moses Lake  
 Mount Tahoma Trails Association  
 Mountains to Sound Greenway  
 Okanogan County  
 Olympia  
 Oroville  
 Pacific Northwest Trail Association  
 Pierce County  
 Port Angeles  
 Port of Everett  
 Port of Olympia  
 Port of Seattle  
 Port of South Whidbey Island  
 Port of Wahkiakum County #1  
 Port Townsend  
 Puyallup  
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## 2005 Recreation Grant Recipients

*Continued...*

Redmond  
 Richland  
 San Juan County Land Bank  
 Seattle  
 Seattle Skeet and Trap Club  
 Shoreline  
 Skagit County Dike District #12  
 Snohomish County  
 Spokane County  
 Springdale  
 Sumas  
 Sunnyside  
 Tacoma  
 Toledo  
 Tonasket  
 U.S. Forest Service
 

- Colville National Forest
  - Newport Ranger District
  - Sullivan Lake Ranger District
- Gifford Pinchot National Forest
  - Cowlitz Valley Ranger District
  - Mount Adams Ranger District
- Mount Baker National Forest
  - Darrington Ranger District
  - Mount Baker Ranger District
  - Skykomish Ranger District
  - Snoqualmie Ranger District
- Okanogan National Forest
  - Methow Ranger District
- Umatilla National Forest
  - Pomeroy Ranger District
  - Walla Walla Ranger District
- Wenatchee National Forest
  - Chelan Ranger District
  - Cle Elum Ranger District
  - Entiat Ranger District
  - Naches Ranger District
  - Wenatchee River Ranger District

Vancouver  
 Volunteers for Outdoor Washington  
 Washington State Parks and Recreation  
 Commission  
 Washington Trails Association  
 Wenatchee  
 Whatcom County  
 Whitman County  
 Yakima County

## Building and Improving Trails

## Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

Walking is cited as the most popular outdoor recreational activity in OIAC's 2000 study of recreational trends. More than 55 percent of Washingtonians surveyed said they had walked for pleasure. In addition to those who walk, mountain bikers, equestrians, riders of all-terrain and off-road vehicles, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and motorcyclists use trails for recreation. Using five grant programs\*, the Committee was able to help its partners plan, build, or improve many trails and their support facilities. These trails are both in neighborhoods and in remote, mountainous areas. This work meets two OIAC goals: To provide opportunities for recreation and to provide opportunities for increased citizen mobility through trails.

Number of grants awarded ..... 175  
 Amount of grants ..... \$21 million  
 Amount of grants unfunded ..... \$11 million  
 Grantee matching contributions ..... \$19 million

## Highlights

- Number of trail miles to be built or improved ..... 108 miles
- Number of trail miles to be maintained ..... 5,700 miles
- The Committee awarded 39 grants at \$3 million to local agencies to educate trail users on environmental protection and proper trail use, as well as, to provide law enforcement and emergency aid. Grant applicants contributed another 35 percent or \$1.6 million in matching funds.

## Developing and Improving Play Fields

## Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

A 2000 survey by the Committee revealed that nearly 45 percent of Washingtonians participated in outdoor team or individual sports. The Committee used the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to assist partners in acquiring, developing, and renovating playing fields.

Number of grants awarded ..... 11  
 Amount of grants ..... \$3 million  
 Amount of grants unfunded ..... \$1 million\*\*  
 Grantee matching contributions ..... \$9 million

## Highlights

- Number of new fields to be developed ..... 27
- Number of fields to be improved ..... 9

\*Grant programs used: Aquatic Land Enhancement Account, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities, National Recreational Trails Program, and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

\*\*This amount includes unfunded grant requests for play fields in the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

OIAC Provides:  
Leadership  
Stewardship  
Support  
Fairness



## 2005 Accomplishments

### Agency Goal: Achieve a High Level of Accountability in Managing the Resources and Responsibilities Entrusted to the Office of the Interagency Committee

As managers of state funds, the OIAC and its Boards work to ensure a high level of accountability. This takes many forms, from reviewing Board policies to make sure goals are being met to providing staff with current technology to ensure they are operating most efficiently.

### Providing Ongoing Leadership Through Policy Development, Coordination, and Advocacy

#### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

The Committee began reviewing many of its grant program policies to ensure they reflected agency goals and objectives. For example, the Committee reviewed policies on matching requirements to ensure the contribution amounts were at the right levels and for the right organizations.

In other work, the Committee began developing the guiding principles for several new funding categories for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, including farmland preservation and mitigation banking.

#### Salmon Recovery Funding Board

The Board finalized policies for the 2005 grant cycle and awarded grants in early 2006. The Board also began discussing policies for the next grant cycle, which includes a transition toward allocating grant funds regionally, using regional recovery strategies.

#### Other efforts:

- OIAC provided leadership to the Salmon and Watershed Information Management Technical Advisory Committee (SWIMTAC), which strives to improve interagency data sharing.
- OIAC supported the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP) by providing staff to coordinate with the Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health.
- OIAC provided administrative services for the Hatchery Scientific Review Group, an independent scientific panel established by Congress to ensure that hatchery reform programs in Puget Sound and coastal Washington are scientifically founded and evaluated. In 2005, the hatchery review group finished its evaluation of state, tribal, and in two regions, federal progress reports for the ten hatchery reform regions in Puget Sound and coastal Washington.
- OIAC led the planning efforts for the annual conference of the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners and the Washington State Trails Conference.
- OIAC advocated for public access to land and water for enhanced recreation by participating in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's processes to relicense nonfederal dams.
- OIAC helped update the outdoor recreation guide for people with disabilities, printed 30,000 copies for the public, and posted it on the Internet.

## Make Ethical, Well-informed, Long-range Policy and Funding Decisions

### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

- Statewide Land Acquisition Study: The Committee completed a legislative assignment to assess land acquisitions by state agencies and to develop recommendations about how to coordinate future purchases. The report, *Toward a Coordination Strategy for Habitat and Recreation Land Acquisitions in Washington State*, was presented to the 2006 Legislature.
- Planning: The Committee began drafting a strategic plan and a communications plan, and revised its plan for the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program.

#### Other efforts:

- OIAC began the governor's Government Management Accountability and Performance (GMAP) process as a way to track performance.

## Use Broad Public Participation and Adaptive Management to Deliver Successful Projects

### Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

- The Committee reached out to communities to highlight their excellent work and the benefits of grants through public ceremonies. These ceremonies involved Committee members and agency leaders presenting oversized checks to grant recipients during city council, county commission, and port commission meetings. Big check ceremonies were held in Bellingham, Bremerton, Burien, and Olympia.

## Provide Modern and Efficient Information Technology to Staff and Partners

OIAC successfully moved agency servers to a new computer room for enhanced security and increased electrical, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning capacity. In addition, the agency upgraded its network wiring for faster server and Internet connectivity.

## Summary

For OIAC and the Boards it supports, 2005 was a year of growth and change. The agency welcomed six new staff members and one IAC board member. It also launched several planning efforts in anticipation of changes in 2006. For example, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation drafted its strategic plan. It also began designing policies for new funding categories in its largest grant program, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Finally, it completed a report to the Legislature that took an inventory of public land and made recommendations about how state agencies might coordinate their land purchases.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board began work on a more regionally based funding system, and authorized development of statewide guidelines for monitoring salmon recovery efforts. The two councils — the Washington Biodiversity Council and the Governor's Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health — began the tasks of organizing themselves for the work ahead and initiating beginning actions.

In total, OIAC and its Boards awarded more than 300 grants for \$78.5 million in an effort to continue to create and maintain opportunities for recreation, protect the best of the state's wild lands, and contribute to the state's efforts to recover salmon from the brink of extinction.

## Photography Information

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